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FOR: NEW TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR OF MHC CLASS II GENES, SUBSTANCES
CAPABLE OF INHIBITING THIS NEW TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR, AND MEDICAL
USES OF THESE SUBSTANCES

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This Response and Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 19) mailed March 25, 2003 in the above-identified patent application. With a three-month extension of time, these documents are due on or before September 25, 2003. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee, is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23135-510 CON.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.